

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Belcher S39186

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State of South Carolina } To Wit
Spartanburgh District } On this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty personally appeared in open Court (to wit) the Court of General Sessions & Common pleas being a Court of record for the said District Robert Belcher aged [blank] years resident in the said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, to wit, he the said Robert Belcher enlisted for the term of three years, on the 14th day of September 1776 under Captain James Foster [company raised in Amelia County] in the State of Virginia, and continued in the service of the United States untill the first day of January 1780 when he was regularly discharged by Major Hill in Philedelphia, during which time he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and afterwards substituted on a Tour of three months under General Parker That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he is unable to produce any other Testimony, of his said services. The Declarant further swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th Day of march 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed (to wit)

20 Barrels of corn worth	\$30.00.0	
1 Mare & 2 colts	40 00.0	
2 Sows & four shoats	10 00 0	
5 Sheep	5 00.0	
Plates Pots &c	10.00 0	Robert hisXmark Belcher

The Declarant further swears that he follows the occupation of a farmer, but has become too old & infirm to pursue it longer and that his family have all left him whereby he is compelled to rely on his own labour for subsistance

South Carolina } Robert Belcher came personally in open Court & being again sworn in
Spartanburgh District } due form of Law in addition to the foregoing affidavit on his Oath swears that he is now upwards of sixty years Old and that at the time of his Enlistment, as mentioned within he was attached to the fifteenth old Virginia Regiment or line then under the command of Col. [David] Mason and afterwards commanded by Col. Ennis [sic: James Innes] and that he continued in the same Regiment untill he was reduced to the Eleventh Regiment when he continued untill his discharge Sworn to & subscribed before me the 6th Nov. 1821 Robert hisXmark Belcher

NOTES:

On 14 April 1838 Belcher applied to have his pension transferred to East Tennessee, having moved to Monroe County for the following reason: "his wife died last May, which left him uncomfortably situated, and badly provided for; and he had a son living in Monroe County Ten'e. whom he desired to live with." This application was witnessed by the son, Jacob Belcher. On 8 Dec 1838 Robert Belcher applied to have his pension transferred back to South Carolina having returned to Spartanburg because "his son's treatment was so unkind that he was compelled to return to his other children in South

Carolina,"

A document in the file states that Robert Belcher died on 26 Apr 1845.